

## Abstract

A method for determining the position of text lines in text recognition tasks as specified in which the brightness  
5 distribution of a captured image excerpt along the vertical  
is determined and this brightness distribution is filtered,  
in which maxima and minima of the function obtained in this  
way are determined and, on the basis of these extrema,  
threshold values are calculated which serve as a basis for  
10 distinguishing between text line and line interspace.

The method can be used particularly advantageously in the  
case of manually guided electronic readers.